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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL

REF: A. USNATO 6072 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 6231 (NOTAL)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 12 DRC AGAIN DISCUSSED, WITHOUT TAKING FINAL DECISIONS, DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. CONSENSUS BEGAN TO EMERGE IN FAVOR OF BEGINNING SECOND DAY WITH MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE A RESTRICTED SESSION AND SAID IS WOULD CIRCULATE A REVISED AGENDA FOR PER REPS' DISCUSSION/APPROVAL AT NOVEMBER 21 DPC MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY FURTHER WASHINGTON GUIDANCE CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OR ORDER OF DPC AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF UK FORCE PLANS (SEPTTEL), DRC AGAIN DISCUSSED DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA (REF A). AFTER NOTING THAT MINISTERIAL AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF EUROGROUP AND QUOTE SOME KIND OF END QUOTE RESTRICTED SESSION, CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS SOLICITED NATIONAL VIEWS ON AGENDA (REF B).

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2. CANADIAN REP (COL SHEFFIELD) ASKED IF DPC AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE "FAREWELL FOR SACEUR" AS ITEM. CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF FAREWELL PLANS AND ASSUMED PERM REPS WOULD DECIDE THIS MATTER IN PRIVATE.

3. DANISH REP (MAJOR BJORKE) ASKED IF MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS NUCLEAR POLICY IN RESTRICTED SESSION. CHAIRMAN IMPLIED THAT QUESTION HAS EVOLVED SINCE IS CIRCULATED DRAFT DPC AGENDA AND SAID PURPOSE IN LISTING NUCLEAR POLICY ON AGENDA WAS QUOTE ONLY AS A REMINDER END QUOTE. CHAIRMAN FURTHER INDICATED PRECISE FORUM IN WHICH MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS NUCLEAR QUESTIONS IS UNDECIDED, SUGGESTED DEALING WITH THIS QUESTION OUTSIDE OF DRC, AND ACKNOWLEDGED HOW AND WHERE NUCLEAR QUESTIONS ADDRESSED WOULD IMPACT ON HOW MANY AGENDA ITEMS MINISTERS COULD COVER ON FIRST DAY OF DPC AGENDA. HE SAID NEXT DRAFT WOULD NOT INCLUDE NUCLEAR TOPIC AS AN AGENDA ITEM.

4. DURING DISCUSSION OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS, NETHERLANDS REP RECOMMENDED PLACING MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE BEFORE MBFR AND AGAIN QUESTIONED WISDOM OF EARLIER US SUGGESTION (REF B AND C) TO PLACE GUIDANCE BEFORE STATUS TS.5(CLINARD) SAID DISCUSSING MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

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PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER FORCE PLANNING FOR 1975-79 PERIOD SEEMED LOGICAL AS THIS WOULD SET THE STAGE FOR FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS OF STATUS REPORTS; HE FURTHER SUGGESTED MINISTERS DISCUSS COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN GENERAL CONTEXT UNDER GUIDANCE AND THEN HEAR UNDER STATUS REPORTS SPECIFICS OF WHERE NATO CURRENTLY STANDS ON THESE PROGRAMS. UK REP SAID HE SAW LOGIC IN BOTH NETHERLANDS AND US SUGGESTED AGENDA ORDER, BUT HE FAVORED NETHERLANDS APPROACH. ITALIAN REP ALSO SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS APPROACH, SINCE MINISTERS WOULD BE ADDRESSING KEY ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE RATHER THAN FINAL MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

5. CHAIRMAN THEN STATED IN DRAFTING AGENDA IS HAD IN MIND THAT MINISTERS COULD QUOTE START FRESH END QUOTE BY BEGINNING SECOND DAY WITH IMPORTANT ITEM VI: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. PARTIALLY ON BASIS OF CHAIRMAN'S CLARIFICATION, CANADIAN, ITALIAN (MACCHIAVELLI), NETHERLANDS (CARSTEN), CONFIDENTIAL

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NORWEGIAN (LEINE), AND UK (MACDONALD) REPS FAVORED BEGINNING SECOND DAY WITH MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

6. IN SUMMING UP, HUMPHREYS SAID IS WOULD CIRCULATE AN AMENDED DRAFT AGENDA (PROBABLY IN A PO), WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A EUROGROUP STATEMENT AND A RESTRICTED SESSION, PLUS, IN BRACKETS, AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING; PERM REPS COULD THEN APPROVE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA AT NOVEMBER 21 DPC MEETING. PEREZ

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